

Act 3 Assassin

THAT WAS
THE WHOLE
STORY.

THAT
WAS
ALL.



IN A
CERTAIN
LAND,

THERE ONCE
LIVED A CERTAIN
PERSON OF
PROFOUND FAITH.

WORSE STILL, THOSE
WHO WORSHIPPED
THE SAME GOD GAVE
THE SAME WORDS
OF CONTEMPT.



AND SO WAS ...
SCORNFUL BY
THE PEOPLE
AS A ZEALOT.



THE DEVOUT
PERSON WAS
SO PIOUS THAT
IT DEVIATED
FROM NORMALCY,



THE ZEALOT'S
FAITH WAS
LACKING. IT
WAS AS SIMPLE
AS THAT.

THE REASON
FOR THEIR
DESPISE WAS
BECAUSE OF
INEXPERIENCE.

BUT THE
ZEALOT
DID NOT
HATE
PEOPLE.



RECRE-
ATING
EVERY
LAST
ONE OF
THEM.

PURSuing
AFTER THE
MIRACLES
CREATED BY
THE PREDE-
CESSORS.

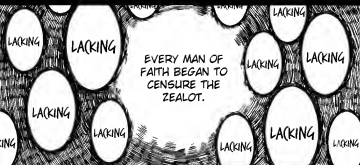
THE ZEALOT
FORGED ON,
PUSHING
EVEN HARDER.



THE WORLD
CONTINUED
SHOUTING AT
THE ZEALOT.

IT WAS
STILL
LACKING.

BUT IT WAS
LACKING.



EVERY MAN OF
FAITH BEGAN TO
CENSURE THE
ZEALOT.



AND DIS-
APPEARED
AFTER
A LIFE OF
NOTHING.

NOT
EVEN
AS A
MARTYR,

IN THE END THE
ZEALOT WAS UNABLE
TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING,
JUST LIVED AS A
FANATIC.

AND
EVEN
SO,



ASHAMED OF ONE'S
LACK, ONCE AGAIN
DESCENDED TO THE
MAELSTROM OF FAITH.



THE ZEALOT
DID NOT
BEGRUDGE
THE WORLD.

ONLY DIF-
FERENT GODS
DREW IT.



THE ZEALOT
HELD NO
RESENTMENT.

THAT WAS
WHERE THE
STORY WAS
SUPPOSED
TO END.



SO LIVED
THE ZEALOT,
HOPELESS
TO COMMON
PEOPLE.

THAT WAS
THE WHOLE
STORY.



--Until
the moment
when the fake
Holy Grail chose
the zealot.



EASTERN
SNOWFIELD,
MARSH
AREA



THERE WAS A
CONSPICUOUSLY
LARGE VILLA
WHERE A
BOUNDED FIELD
HAD BEEN
ESTABLISHED



IN THE
BASE-
MENT
OF THAT
HOUSE—





THEY HAD JUST
COMPLETED
A SUMMONING
CEREMONY
AT THE TIME.

SEVERAL
MAGI
WERE
PRESENT.



--This is strange.



ALL THAT
REMAINED
WAS TO ANSWER
THE SERVANT'S
QUERY IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE,
THEREBY
COMPLETING
THE CONTRACT.

BUT--



JESTER
KARTURE

A MAGUS
AND THE
SUMMONER
OF THIS
SERVANT.



JESTER FELT
A SEVERE SENSE
OF FOREBODING
AT THAT POINT.

A SOLITARY
"WOMAN",
CLAD IN
BLACK
ROBES.



As far as
I've heard,
they always
wear a white
skull mask...

I should have
summoned the
heroic spirit
of an assassin.



AS THEY HOLD
SPECIAL CHARAC-
TERISTICS, CAN BE
VOLUNTARILY
CHOSEN DURING THE
SLIMMING WITH
THE APPROPRIATE
PREPARATIONS AND
INCANTATIONS.

THE
ASSASSIN
AND BEE-
SERKER
CLASSES.

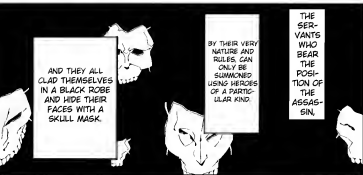
BUT
THERE
ARE
EXCEP-
TIONS.



FOR THE MOST
PART, IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO PICK THE
CLASS THAT
WILL BE THE
VESSEL TO THE
HEROIC SPIRIT.



IN ACCORDANCE
TO THE RULES,
JESTER SUMMONED
A SERVANT OF THE
ASSASSIN CLASS.



AND THEY ALL
CLAD THEMSELVES
IN A BLACK ROBE
AND HIDE THEIR
FACES WITH A
SKULL MASK.

BY THEIR VERY
NATURE AND
RULES, CAN
ONLY BE
SUMMONED
USING HEROES
OF A PARTICULAR KIND.

THE
SER-
VANTS
WHO
BEAR
THE
POSITION
OF THE
ASSAS-
SIN,



BUT THE WOMAN
BEFORE HIM, THOUGH
WRAPPED IN BLACK
CLOTH, DID NOT WEAR
A WHITE MASK AND HER
ACTUAL FACE WAS VISIBLE.



COMPARED WITH
THOSE THAT
WERE HELD IN
JAPAN, IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO ANTICIPATE
THE WAYS IN
WHICH IT
WOULD DIFFER.



OF
COURSE,
THIS ONE
WAS AN
IMITATION
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
ORIGINAL.



THIS WAS
JESTER'S
FIRST TIME
ACTUALLY
EXPERIENCING
THE HOLY
GRAIL WAR.



--In that
case, am I
supposed
to pose the
question...?





-WHAT?

Squish

Batlung

Batlung

Batlung

Thump...

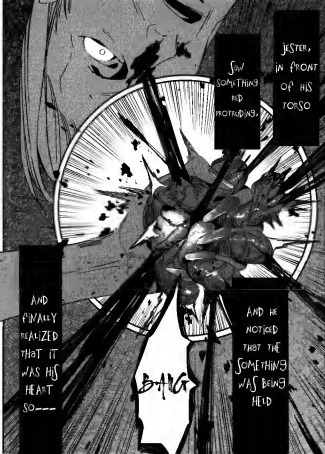




AND THAT RED
HAND CAME
TO HOLD
VIGOR-
OUSLY
CRUSHED
IT.



AND WHEN
IT CAME IN
CONTACT
WITH THE
MAGUS' CHEST-
A THIRD ARM,
RED IN COLOR,
SPROUTED FROM
THE WOMAN'S
BACK.



SAW
SOMETHING
RED
PROTRUDING.

JESTER,
IN FRONT
OF HIS
TORSO

AND
FINALLY
REALIZED
THAT IT
WAS HIS
HEART
SO---

AND HE
NOTICED
THAT THE
SOMETHING
WAS BEING
HELD







UNQUESTION-
ABLY, WHAT
WAS BEFORE
THEIR EYES
WAS A
SERVANT.

I SHALL
ELIMI-
NATE...
THE
HERETICAL
MAGI...

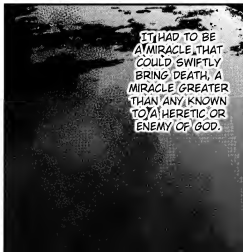


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WHEN "SHE" WAS
YOUNG, SHE HONED
HERSELF TO EARN
THE NAME THAT
WOULD SERVE AS
A PROOF OF HER FAITH.



IT HAD TO BE
A MIRACLE THAT
COULD SWIFTLY
BRING DEATH, A
MIRACLE GREATER
THAN ANY KNOWN
TO A HERETIC OR
ENEMY OF GOD.

WHAT
THE
ZEALOT
SOUGHT,
WAS
PROOF.



A CULT
THAT WAS
ZEALOTIC
BY ITS VERY
NATURE.



SHE WAS
A MEMBER
OF A SECT
THAT PUR-
SUED SUCH
MIRACLES.

EVEN IN THE
INNERMOST
WAS SCORNE
AS A ZEALOT.

BUT
SHE...



SHE WAS
BUT A
YOUNG
GIRL,
A MERE
LAMB...

EACH AND
EVERY ONE
OF THEM
WERE
SHOCKED
BY HER
DEEDS.



GLUP...

PER-
FORMED
BY THE
PRECED-
ING 18
GRAND-
MASTERS?

HOW
COULD
SHE
MASTER
ALL
THE
MIRA-
CLES



BANG



IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THAT SHE HAD SPILLED MUCH OF HER PURE BLOOD IN THE PROCESS.



WHAT HAVE YOU EXACTLY ACCOMPLISHED?

AND YET, THE PEOPLE OF HER SECT-- WOULD NOT ALLOW HER TO GAIN THE NAME OF THE GRANDMASTER.



BUT THAT
WAS HALF
OF THE
REASON.

THE
"IMITA-
TION OF
MIRA-
CLES" FROM
THE
PAST.

THAT IS
NAUGHT
BUT ROTE.



SO AGAINST THE
TALENT OF THE
ONE THAT WAS
ABLE TO ACHIEVE
ALL THOSE MIRA-
CLES IN A MATTER
OF A FEW YEARS,
MANY PEOPLE
FELT THE EMOTION
OF DREAD.

IT WAS
SAID THAT
NORMALLY
A WHOLE
LIFETIME
WAS
NEEDED
TO ACQUIRE
A SINGLE
MIRACLE.

--I see.
My faith
is lacking.

WE CANNOT
BESTOW THE
NAME OF THE
GRANDMASTER
UNTO ONE
SUCH AS
YOURSELF.

--AND THUS,
YOU ARE
INEXPERIENCED.



--I'm so inexperienced.

I have brought shame upon the miracles of the former grandmasters.



SHE SAW THAT HE WAS CAPABLE OF ALL MANNER OF THINGS, THINGS SHE COULD NOT DO HERSELF,



AND WHEN A NEW GRANDMASTER, THE HUNDRED-FACED, WAS SELECTED-



BUT SHE DID NOT ENVY HIM, SHE WAS JUST ASHAMED AT HER OWN INEXPERIENCE.

AND VANISHED INTO THE DARKNESS OF HISTORY.

IN THE END, THE ZEALOT FOUND NO PROOF,



AND WHEN SHE
WAS GIVEN
KNOWLEDGE
BY THE HOLY
GRAIL, SHE
IMMEDIATELY
KNEW HER
DESTINY.



SHE WAS
SUMMONED
BY THE
MAN CALLED
JESTER.

BUT,
WITH A
PRANK
OF FATE,



AT THE SAME TIME,
SHE ALSO KNEW OF
THE SUCCESSIVE
GRANDMASTERS
THAT HAD SOUGHT IT.

OR
THAT
IS
HOW
IT
SHOULD
HAVE
BEEN-

HER HATRED
WAS ONLY
DIRECTED
AT THE HOLY
GRAIL WAR
THAT LED
THEM ASTRAY.

THEIR FAITH
WAS WITHOUT A
DOUBT, DEEPER
THAN HERS.
EVEN NOW, THEY
WERE WORTHY
OF HER RESPECT.



IT
WAS
JUST
SAD.



TO BRING
THE HOLY
GRAIL, THE
EMBLEM OF
HERESY,
UNTO
NIGHT.

SHE TORE
THROUGH
THE DARK OF
THE NIGHT,
HASTENING
FORTH IN
SEARCH OF
THE HOLY
GRAIL.



EVEN IF IT WAS
AFTER A FEW
DAYS, A FEW
HOURS OR A
FEW SECONDS.



ONCE IT IS
EXHAUSTED,
SHE WOULD
VANISH.

GIVEN THAT SHE
HAD BLAIN THAT
MAGUS, SHE
WOULD SOON
LOSE HER SUPPLY
OF MAGICAL
ENERGY.



EVEN IF SHE
WAS TO
DISAPPEAR
AFTER A
MERE
INSTANT.

SHE, WITHOUT
A MOMENT'S
HESITATION,

MADE THE
HOLY GRAIL
WAR ITSELF
HER ENEMY.



KHA



KHA HA!
KHA HA!
HA HA!

IN THAT ROOM,
THERE
WERE
ONLY
CORP-
SES.



A
PAIN-
FUL
LAUGH
RANG
OUT.



BUT
THE
TRUTH
WAS
WHAT
IT WAS.



HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!

KHA

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HA!

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HA!

HA
HA!

WOW,
WHAT
A SUR-
PRISE!

TO
THINK
THAT
THE
HOLY
GRAIL

WOULD
BRING
ME SUCH
AN INCON-
CEIVABLE
MAVERICK!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!





I CANNOT
FIND THE
WORDS TO
DESCRIBE
HER PIETY!



I SHOULD
HAVE
MASTERED
THE ART
OF POETRY.

HAD I KNOW
IT WITH ALL
THE TIME I
HAD,



シラッ

ムンムン...





AND
THUS,

SOMETHING
SIMPLE AND
YET EVER SO
DOWNRIGHT
FIENDISH!

BEAU-
TIFUL!

THAT CONCEPT
NUCLEUS WAS
SHIELDED BY
MANY COUNTLESS
LAYERS OF
PROTECTIVE MAGIC.

AND DESPITE
THAT, SHE
MADE ALL OF
THAT AS UNTO
LESS THAN
NOTHING WITH
THAT RED ARM.

HER FINGERS
REACHING
THE VERY
CORE OF MY
BEING...

A NOBLE
PHANTASM,
WHAT A
THING!

AND SO
MANY
TIMES
AT THAT.

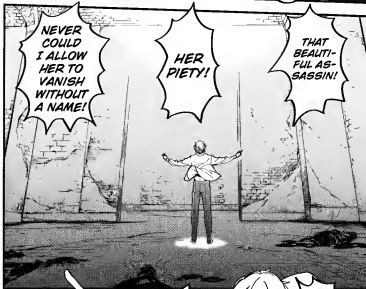
BUT SUCH A
FORMIDABLE
WORK
WITHOUT ANY
HESITATION.

WITH ONLY THE
MAGICAL ENERGY
OF AN ORDINARY
MAGUS SHE SURELY
WOULD HAVE RUN
OUT OF ENERGY
ALMOST RIGHT
AWAY.

HEH...



I SUPPOSE
I NEED NOT
TIRE OF THE
WORLD QUITE
YET...



NEVER
COULD
I ALLOW
HER TO
VANISH
WITHOUT
A NAME!

HER
PIETY!

THAT
BEAUTI-
FUL AS-
SASSIN!



NO!

WHO WOULD
DARE LET
SUCH A
THING GO
TO WASTE!?

THAT
IS-



VIA THE LINKAGE
OF MAGICAL
ENERGY THAT
CONNECTED A
MASTER AND
SERVANT, THEY
COULD VIEW THE
OTHER PAST.



THAT WAS A
STATEMENT
THAT COULD
ONLY BE MADE
BY THOSE
WHO HAD
SEEN HER
MEMORIES.

DEGRAD-
GATE
THEM

DESE-
CRATE
THEM

DEBAUCH
THEM

DEFILE
THEM

DEGRADE
THEM
ALL!



YOUR
BEAUTIFUL
FACE, SOUL,
STRENGTH
AND FAITH...

I SHALL
GRANT
YOU A
NAME!

IF THAT
WAS TRUE,
IT WOULD
MEAN THAT
JESTER HAD
LEARNED
ABOUT HER
FAITH
THROUGH A
DREAM HE
HAD WHILE
HE WAS
DEAD-



WHAT
GREATER
PLEASURE
COULD
THERE
BE!?





ONCE THAT
BEAUTIFUL
SERVANT
KNEELS DOWN
BEFORE ME,
HER FAITH
BROKEN,

SUCH
AMUSE-
MENT!
SUCH
IMPERMA-
NENCE!

SUCH
BEAU-
TY!



WHAT A
SIGHT HER
FACE WILL
MAKE ONCE
I HAVE
DRAINED
THE LAST OF
HER POWER!

KU
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!



AS FELLOW
HERETICS
IN THIS LAND,
LET US GET
ALONG LIKE
NO ONE ELSE!

KUHA...

A LIVING CORPSE--
A "Vampire"



Jester
Karture







WELL
THEN...

LET ME
GIVE YOU
A LITTLE
EXPLA-
NATION.

DUE TO YOU
GUYS BEING
UNFAMILIAR
WITH THESE
MAGI,



CLUTTERING
YOUR
IMAGINATIONS
WITH SUCH
FAIRY-TALES
AND LEGENDS IS
UNNECESSARY...

MAGI,
NOT
MAGES.

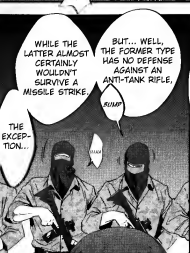
THINK MORE
ABOUT SOMETHING
ALONG THE LINES
OF A JAPANESE
ANIME OR A
HOLLYWOOD FLICK.

THAT'S
IT,





THEY DIE
WHEN THEY'RE
KILLED, AND
PHYSICAL ATTACKS
ARE REASONABLY
EFFECTIVE
AGAINST THEM.

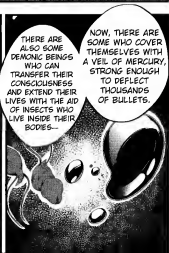


WHILE THE
LATTER ALMOST
CERTAINLY
WOULDN'T
SURVIVE A
MISSILE STRIKE.

BUT... WELL,
THE FORMER TYPE
HAS NO DEFENSE
AGAINST AN
ANTI-TANK RIFLE,

BUMP

THE
EXCEPTION...



THERE ARE
ALSO SOME
DEMONIC BEINGS
WHO CAN
TRANSFER THEIR
CONSCIOUSNESS
AND EXTEND THEIR
LIVES WITH THE AID
OF INSECTS WHO
LIVE INSIDE THEIR
BODIES...

NOW, THERE ARE
SOME WHO COVER
THEMSELVES WITH
A VEIL OF MERCURY,
STRONG ENOUGH
TO DEFLECT
THOUSANDS
OF BULLETS.



THE EX-
CEPTION...
THIS
FELLOW.



SOMEONE
WHO
WASN'T
EVEN HERE
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE.

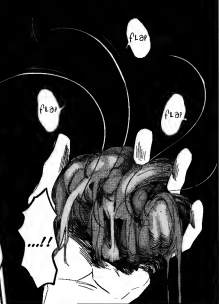


WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
MR.
FALDEUS?





I MEAN
AN ARTIFICIAL
BODY.
WELL, IT'S
A PUPPET.



....!!



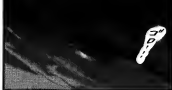
OR I GUESS
THAT MAYBE
HE IS IN PANIC
WITHIN HIS OWN
WORKSHOP.

AT THE
MOMENT,
HIS REAL
LOCATION IS
PROBABLY
ONE OF THE
BRANCH
CHAPTERS
OF THE AS-
SOCIATION,

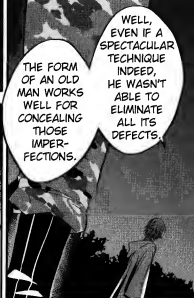


HE'S NOT SO
FOOLISH AS
TO COME ALL
THE WAY OUT
HERE WITH HIS
REAL BODY.

MISTER
ROHNGALL
IS A TERRIBLY
CAUTIOUS
INVESTIGATOR.



IN THAT CASE,
WOULD HE NOT
HAVE HEARD
EVERYTHING
YOU SAID
EARLIER?



THE FORM
OF AN OLD
MAN WORKS
WELL FOR
CONCEALING
THOSE
IMPER-
FECTIONS.

WELL,
EVEN IF A
SPECTACULAR
TECHNIQUE
INDEED,
HE WASN'T
ABLE TO
ELIMINATE
ALL ITS
DEFECTS.



IN ORDER
TO ENSURE
IT WAS
TRANSMIT-
TED TO THE
ASSOCI-
ATION.

I DELIBER-
ATELY GAVE
HIM THAT
GOOD MEMORY
FOR HIS
PASSING



I DON'T
CARE.
THAT'S
JUST AS
PLANNED.

WHAT
...?



OUR
WARNING
TO THE
MAGI.

CONSIDER
THIS A
DECLARA-
TION...

